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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:CGEN, CASC - SHIPPING AND SEAMEN

SUBJECT:DEATH OF RAPHAEL FARMER ABOARD S/S SAMUEL CHASE

1. WATERMAN STEAMSHIP CO, HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT
RAPHAEL FARMER, BORN OCT. 17, 1942, KILLED MAY 29
BY LEON FOUNTAIN BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014], ABOARD WATERMAN
AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL S/S SAMUEL CHASE AT IT NEARED KELUNG,
TAIWAN WE UNDERSTAND CONOFF BOARDED SHIP TO TAKE SWORN
STATEMENTS CONCERNING INCIDENT.

2. FOR USE IN DETERMINING NEXT LEGAL STEPS, FBI AND
FEDERAL ATTORNEY HERE NEED HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION
AS POSSIBLE BY COB FRIDAY JUNE 2. REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE
ESSENCE OF SWORN STATEMENTS SPECIFICALLY INDICATING: A)
TIME AND PLACE OF INCIDENT, B) LOCATION OF VESSEL, C)
WEAPON USED, D) NOTICE, E) WAS SELF DEFENSE INVOLVED
AND, F) OTHER INFORMATION POST BELIEVES PERTINENT IN
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ABREVIATED REPORT.

3. WE ALSO INTERESTED IN WELFARE OF FOUNTAIN AND IN
MASTER'S CONCERNS RE WHAT IS BEST COURSE TO FOLLOW RE
REST OF CREW AND RETURN TO U.S. OF FOUNTAIN. HAS MASTER
OR FOUNTAIN EXPRESSED ANY VIEW RE THESE SUBJECTS.

4. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED ON MR. FARMER? IF NOT,
IS IT STILL POSSIBLE DO SO ?

5.FOR MANILA: DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH USCG AND
FBI, WILL PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE OR INFORMATION
BELIEVED NECESSARY FOR USCG INQUIRY TO BE HELD WHEN
"SAMUEL CHASE" ARRIVALS MANILA O/A JUNE 6.

6. EMBASSY TAIPEI REQUESTED INCLUDE MANILA AS ADDRESSEE
ON TRAFFIC THIS CASE. VANCE

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